

Regional Legislative Alliance

of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties

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May 13, 2008

Delores Brown
Chief Office of Environmental Compliance
California Department of Water Resources
P.O. 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236
Via Email: bdcp@water.ca.gov

Subject: Support of Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Regional Legislative Alliance of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (RLA) has grown increasingly concerned about the decline in the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the deteriorating reliability of this key water supply for two-thirds of all of California's residents as well as for half of the nation's produce. We are particularly concerned with the dwindling water supplies for Southern California.

The Regional Legislative Alliance of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (RLA) is a cooperative council of 12 leading chambers of commerce and associations in the Santa Barbara and Ventura county region. We represent 300,000 jobs and we are a strong, unified voice for the business community working to improve and enhance the business climate.

We commend the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's collaborative effort among water agencies, environmental organizations, state and federal agencies. The Plan is the key to mapping out a comprehensive conservation plan—and, a solution—for the Delta. And, the key to a reliable water system is a restored Delta ecosystem and a rebuilt water conveyance system.

The RLA supports the BDCP's environmental review process, an essential component to the success of the ultimate plan. We applaud the goal of the plan to place the environmental health of the Delta and the reliability of our state's water system on equal footing.

Alliance Members:

Camarillo Chamber of Commerce, Carpinteria Valley Chamber of Commerce, Fillmore Chamber of Commerce, Gold Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce, Moorpark Chamber of Commerce, Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce, Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce, Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, Ventura Chamber of Commerce, Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA), and

Capitol Circle Associates: Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA), The Boeing Company, Calleguas Water District, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

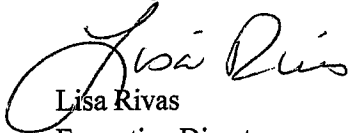
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Ventura and Santa Barbara County residents and businesses depend on a reliable water supply. We need sufficient quantity in wet years to replenish our storage systems. We need high quality water to replenish our groundwater basins and to blend with local supplies and those of the Colorado River. We need a restored Delta ecosystem and a rebuilt conveyance system. Reliability must be a cornerstone of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

The success of the BDCP is essential to the continued economic health of California. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input during this important scoping process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Rivas".

Lisa Rivas
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